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## EDITORIALS

### ROCKEFELLER AND HOOPER FOUNDATION REPORTS

*The Rockefeller Foundation Report.*—President George E. Vincent's review of the work of the Rockefeller Foundation for the year 1928 presents a story of achievement in every way as fascinating as those of previous years. It seems unfortunate, however, that the vast philanthropic activity which this foundation carries on in many fields of medical endeavor in our own and in many foreign countries cannot receive more ample publicity; publicity which would permit the thousands of Americans who have a right to know, to come into a better understanding of the bigness of this institution and of the splendid service which it renders to the human family in many different lands.

In a previous issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE (September 1927, pages 383 and 394), the activities of the Rockefeller Foundation were briefly discussed. During the year 1928 the large sum of \$21,690,738 was spent in preventive medicine activities such as the following: investigations concerning yellow fever, malaria and hookworm; support of eighteen medical schools in fourteen countries; development of professional public health training in schools and

field stations; aid to nursing schools in ten countries; emergency budgets to eighty-five county health organizations in seven states of the Mississippi flood area; aid in establishment of national health services in twenty-three foreign countries, and state health departments in nineteen American states. . . .

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*The Past Record of the Rockefeller Foundation.* The Rockefeller Foundation came into existence in 1913, and since then has expended from its income and principal a total of \$144,189,000, surely a vast outlay and a splendid expression of the magnitude with which large works are nowadays being carried on.

A reorganization of the Rockefeller Foundation took place last year, whereby several other Rockefeller philanthropic activities were consolidated with it. After the expenditure of the vast sum above mentioned, it will still have resources of the book value of some \$168,000,000 to carry on its work. Under the new form of organization the scope of the Foundation's activities will be extended so that, in addition to public health work, new activities for the advancement of knowledge in the medical, natural and social sciences and in the humanities will be promoted upon broader lines than heretofore.

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*Its Work Worthy of Greater Publicity.*—When the splendid record of achievement in service to the human race is considered, which already is to the credit of the Rockefeller Foundation, one cannot help but feel regret that modern-day newspaper journalism is seemingly so little interested in presenting to the people of the United States the work of such a beneficent factor in human civilization. What a host of splendid feature stories could be constructed from the American and foreign experiences of the representatives of this Foundation, and what a vastly greater inspiration the reading of such activities would be than can come from the many pseudohealth columns which nowadays confront us in so many newspapers of America.

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*The George Williams Hooper Foundation of California.*—A much lesser known instrumentality in public health work than the Rockefeller Foundation is the George Williams Hooper Foundation for Medical Research, one of the subdivisions of the University of California and which has its home on the affiliated colleges site on Parnassus Avenue in San Francisco. It came into existence through a bequest from the late George Williams Hooper, a lumber merchant, whose will thus recited the objects of the foundation:

The net income of the endowment fund shall be expended in the maintenance and conduct of said School of Medical Research, which shall conduct and carry on investigations in the sciences and arts of hygiene, medicine, and surgery; also in the nature and